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SUBJECT: ALLEGED AMMUNITION AND DEMOLITION CARGO SHIPMENT

FOLLOWING MSG WAS SENT INFO NAIROBI FROM USDAO ROME ITALY
ON 19 JAN 74 AND IS REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

FROM USDAO ROME ITALY

THIS IS IR NO 6 850 0031 74

1. ITALY/NIGERIA, KENYA, SOMALIA, TANZANIAN, ZAMBIA, FRANCE

2. ALLEGED AMMUNITION AND DEMOLITION CARGO SHIPMENT (U)

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4. 30 DEC 73 AND 5 JAN 74

5. ROME, ITALY, 17 JAN 74

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12. USDAO ROME ITALY

13. N. IDLEBERG, LCDR, US, AALUSNA

14. C.J. MC GRATH, CAPT, USN, DATT

15. REQUEST EVALUATION OF THIS REPORT

(C) THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFO CONCERNING ALLEGED AMMUNITION AND DEMOLITION CARGO SHIPMENTS FROM MARSEILLES, FRANCE AND TALAMONE, ITALY (42-33N-1108E), TO NIGERIA, KENYA, SOMALIA, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA, BY THE PANAMANIAN REGISTERED MOTORSHIP ESPERANZA II. THE INFO*WAS OBTAINED (UNSOLICITED) FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE ESPERANZA II, IN THE FORM OF A LETTER PO*TMARKED 14 JAN 74, FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA. THE SHIP ESPERANZA IS BONA FIDE. HOWEVER, THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE AND HIS INFO CANNOT BE JUDGED, THEREFORE THIS REPORT IS RATED F/6.

1. (C) ON 17 JAN 74 THIS OFFICE RECD A LTR ADDRESSED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME, ATT: NAVAL ATTACHE, FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE PANAMIAN REGISTRY MOTOR SHIP ESPERANZA II. THE LTR WAS POSTMARKED 14 JAN 74 FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA; ITALIAN STAMPS WERE UTILIZED.

2. (C) THE LTR STATED THAT ESPERANZA II LOADED THE FOLLOWING CARGO AT MARSEILLES ON 30 DEC 73; 2500 CASES OF 90MM EXPLOSIVE HEADS (77.5 TONS), 1500 CASES OF 130MM EXPLOSIVE HEADS (61 TONS) AND 572 CASES OF 9MM AND 7.62MM AMMO (33 TONS). THE EXPORTER WAS LISTED AS SOFRENAS OF PARIS AND IS DESTINED FOR LAGOS, NIGERIA AND MOMBASA, KENYA.

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3. (C) FURTHER, ON 5 JANUARY 1974, AT TALAMONE, ITALY, ESPERANZA LOADED THE FOLLOWING, EXPORTED BY ITALESPLOSIVI, S.P.A., MILAN, ITALY :

4000 CASES OF TNT AND 536 CASES OF DETONATORS. THIS CARGO IS LISTED AS WEIGHING 94 TONS AND IS DESTINED FOR MOMBASA FOR "TWIGA" CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD, NAIROBI, KENYA; 800 CASES OF TNT AND 96 CASES OF ETONATORS (21 TONS TOTAL) DESTINED FOR "IMPREGILO", MOGADISCIO, SOMALIA; 1500 CASES OF TNT AND 280 CASES OF DETONATORS (35 TONS TOTAL) DESTINED FOR DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA FOR "TWIGA" CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

4. (C) ESPERANZA ALSO LOADED THE FOLLOWING AT TALAMONE ON 5 JAN 74, DESTINED FOR THE QUOTE PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA UNQUOTE: 334 CASES 2.75 ROCKET-INERT DRILL (11 TONS), 125 CASES NUMBER 500 TRAINING BOMBS (7 TONS), 25 CASES NUMBER 500 BLASTING CHARGES (1.2 TONS), 18 CASES A/C ROCKET LAUNCHER-LAV/32 (1.5 TONS), 2 CASES "MAUS" ANTIPERSONNEL DROP MINES, NO. 1150, 24 CASES ANTIPERSONNEL AND SABOTAGE MINES, AUPS, NO. 1150 (417 KILOGRAMS, ANTITANK MINES, FD-62, NO. 1150 (10 TONS). THE EXPORTER FOR THE ABOVE CARGO IS LISTED AS AERONAUTICA MACCHI S.P.A., MILAN, ITALY.

5. (C) COMMENT AND AVAIL INFO HAS ESPERANZA II LISTED AS A MOTORSHIP (MS) BUILT IN 1954 UNDER PANAMANIAN REGISTRATION WITH A GRT OF 499 TONS AND NET TONNAGE OF 353. ESPERANZA II IS EX-RIEN TEEKMAN. THIS OFFICE RECEIVES ON A DAILY BASIS, A LISTING OF MERCHANT SHIPS CALLING AT ITALIAN PORTS, HOWEVER, SHIPS UNDER 1000 GRT ARE NOT GENERALLY LISTED. ACCORDINGLY, THIS OFFICE CONFIDENTIAL

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HOLDS NO RECORD OF ESPERANZA II CALLING AT ANY ITALIAN PORT DURING JAN 74. THE SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN OF ESPERANZA II IS DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY; BEST GUESS IS LUDWIG PICERNIAZ.

THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON THE TWO ITALIAN EXPORTING FIRMS: ITALESPLOSIVI, SPA, VIA TURATI 27, MILAN 20121. MAKERS OF EXPLOSIVES BASED ON AMMONIUM NITRATES OF POTASSIUM, SODIUM, BARIUM; GUNPOWDER (BLACK POWDER); EXPLOSIVE POWDERS FOR SPORT USE AND MINING; NITRIC ESTERS OF POWLVALENT ACOCOHOLS; NITROGLYCERIN, NITROCELLULOSE (COLLODION COTTON, CUN COTTON), NITROGLYCOL, NITROMARMITOL, ERYTHRITOL NITRATE, PENTAERYTHESITOL, TETRANITRATE (PENTHRITE, PETN);

BLASTING GELATIONS; EXPLOSIVES FOR GEOPHYSICAL AND SEISMIC
RESEARCH; ACCESSORIES FOR MINING AND MINE PRIMERS;
SAFETY EXPLOSIVES; EXPLOSIVES FOR BREAKING UP BLAST
FURNACES; BLASTING EXPLOSIVES; PRIMING EXPLOSIVES.
AERONAUTICA MACCHI, SPA, VIA VITTORIO EMANUELE 15,
MILAN 20122. PRESIDENT: DR. ENGINEER PAOLO FORESIO;
VICE PRESIDENT (MANAGING DIRECTOR) GENERAL MARIO
MATACOTTA. ROME OFFICE; VIA NOMENTANA 122 C/O PROF.
FRANCHINI, 00164; PLANT AT VARESE; VIA
SANVITO SILVESTRO 80, 21100. EXPORTER;
MAKER AND SELLER OF AIR, NAVAL, RAILROAD AND
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES; MAKES AIRCRAFT, JETS
(SINGLE JET SYSTEM FOR LIFT AND PROPULSION);
CONTROL ORGANS; OIL STRUTS; ROCKET LAUNCHING
PRETEST DEVICES; EMERGENCY BOMB RELEASE CON-
TROLS; POWER GENERATING SETS FOR GROUND SUPPLY TO AIRCRAFT.
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